TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS. Yesterday's bank clearings were \$9,857.-974; balances \$1,642,619. Local discount rates were between 5 and 6 per cent. Do

mestic exchange was quoted as follows New York 15c premium bid, 30c premium asked: Chicago 10c premium bid, 15c permium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans 25c discount bid, par asked. Wheat closed higher at \$1,00%61.00% asked May; \$1.10@1.114 Dec. Corn closed

higher at 51c asked May; 47c No. 2 mixed Oats closed at 44c bid May; 13@4314c No. 2

Spot cotton was unchanged in the local

WASHINGTON.

It is cabled from Paris, and confirmed Washington, that France and the United States are negotiating an arbitra-

WAR IN THE FAR EAST. Japanese try to block the channel at

Port Arthur by sinking four ships there. but Russians discover their intention and destroy the vessels, driving away the torpedo-boat convoy. Japan and Korea arrange a treaty, by

which Japan guarantees the Hermit King-dom's independence and integrity, and, in turn, receives valuable military rights.
Russia's protest to the Powers regarding Japanese actions in Korea, it is said, will form the basis of future claims against

that country in case of Russian success. The Russian gunboat Mandjur, it is re-ported, will be allowed to remain at hanghai after being dismantled and hav-

ing the fires drawn. Don Jaime, son of the Spanish pretender, will serve in the far Eastern war under General Kuropatkin, and his sister, the Princess Alice, will go to Manchuria as a Russian Red Cross nurse.

Russian warships on the way home from Jibutil. French Somaliland, report that they have captured three British ships loaded with coal for Japan. Admiral Alexieff issues a proclamation

to the Chinese in Manchuria, in which he says he will annihilate the people if they oppose his army in any way and will treat them as bandits unless they aid him in destroying the Chunchus.

Russia estimates that the cost of the war with Japan will be \$320,000,000, and hopes to be able to raise a loan.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. It is reported that the St. Louis Transit Company has arranged to float \$8,000,000

worth of improvement bonds. Frank C. Hostetter, in charge of the World's Fair Post Office, was arrested yesterday on a charge of opening mail in trusted to his office

Judge Taylor will pass to-day on the plication of Kratz for change of venue. The Supreme Court upheld the Board of Public Improvements in regard to specifying macadam in contracts. The Secretary of the Board of Election

Commissioners declares that primary regstration progresses slowly. Ground will be broken next week for

the Union Avenue Christian Church. Union boulevard and Von Versen avenue. Wabash Railroad and city officials have agreed to construct a new bridge over the Lindell avenue entrance into Forest Park, which will cost \$25,000.

Mrs. C. P. Benson, armed with a shotgun, drives away three men who had assaulted John Kruntzmann, a milk wagon

The funeral of Joseph Franklin at Oakland was marked by simple and impres-sive services, several hundred persons at-

GENERAL DOMESTIC

Girls of Minnesota University are beoming experts at playing poker.

A fire at Evansville, Ind., was checked

by a St. Louis fire engine.

The Mississippi Legislature killed an amendment found to prevent the negro servants of Confederate soldiers from in the pension funds.

Benator Hanna, has been appointed secretary of the National Republican Comuntil the Chicago convention. The Grand Jury at Mount Sterling, Ill.,

Elmer Dover, former private secretary

indicted Mrs. Lida Hughes for the mur-

The State Board of Equalization organ-

ized yesterday at Jefferson City.

The bitter fight between the Republican factions of St. Joseph, Mo., will end to day in a victory for the cotton socks. Rents in the new Vanderbilt dormitor at Yale are so high that only rich stu-

dents can take rooms.

Charles Miller and Richard Ediin, wealthy farmers of Mason County, Illinois quarreled and Edlin is dead.

Marine Intelligence. New York, Feb. 24 .- Arrived: Steame

Moltke, from Hamburg, Southampton and

New York, Feb. 24.-Arrived: Carpathia Genoa, Naples, etc. Salled: Cevic, Liverpool; Sicilia, Genoa, and Naples.

Antwerp, Feb. 24.—Arrived: Vaderland

New York, Southampton, Feb. 24.-Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse (from Premen), New York via Cherbourg.

Moville, Feb. 24.-Arrived: Anchoria, New York, for Glasgow (and proceeded). Malta, Feb. 24.-Arrived: Auguste Victoria, New York, via ports (on Orient

Liverpool, Feb. 23.-Sailed; Canadian, Boston, February 24, Sylvania, Boston

(latter not previously). Hamburg, Feb. 22.-Arrived: Assyria, Philadelphia; Bluecher, New York, via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Calabria, via

Galveston for Newport News. Antwerp, Feb. 24.-Sailed: Belgenland, Philadelphia Hamburg, Feb. 22.-Arrived: Uarda, San

Francisco, etc. Cherbourg, Feb. 24.-Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grorse (from Bremen and Southampton), New York. Algiers, Feb. 24.-Arrived: Republic,

Boston, via Gibraltar, for Naples, Genoa and Alexandria (and proceeded). Naples, Feb. 24.-Salled: Canople (from

Alexandria), Gibraltar and Boston. Liverpool, Feb. 21.-Sailed: Oceanic New York, via Queenstown; Westernland, Philadelphia, via Queenstown.

CHASED BURGLAR FROM HOUSE

Creaking of Door Awakened F. H. Britton.

Awakened by the creaking of his door carly yesterday morning, F. H. Britton of No. 4537 Forest Park boulevard, jumped from his bed and faced a burglar. Britton started to get his revolver and

the burgiar fied. Britton followed him and fired one shot, but the burgiar es-caped by running out of the front door caped by running out of the front door and across a vacant lot.

The burglar is described by Britton as being about 5 feet? Inches, weighing 130 pounds. He wore dark clothes and hat.

Entrance was gained through a window which was left open by punters, who had been working on the house the day before, Mr. Britton could find nothing missing.

LEASES RICHELIEU HOTEL.

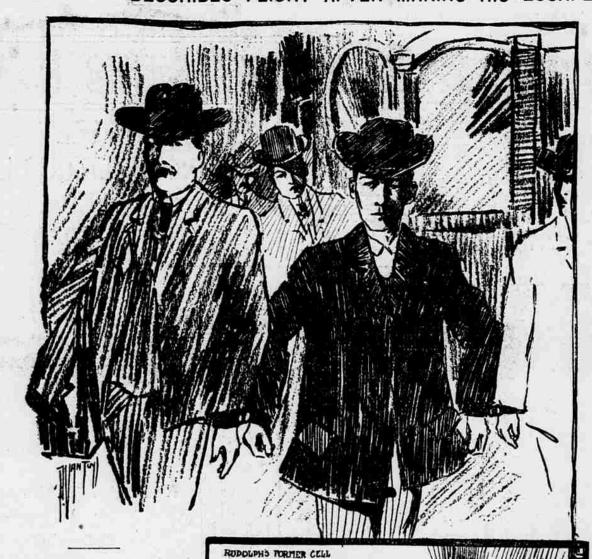
Collins Secures Hostelry at

Monthly Rental of \$1,000. Farrar & Tate, in connection with Scott & Farrar, leased the Richelieu Scott & Farrar, leased the Richellou Hotel on Washington avenue, between Tl.irteenth and Fourteenth streets, to R. N. Collins, for \$1,000 a month.

The property occupies 101 feet on Washington avenue, by 150 feet deep to St. Charles street, and was formerly known as the "Holland Hotel."

The price paid is 5 per cent on a valuation of \$20,000. Theo. Hemmelmann, Jr., represented the lessee.

RUDOLPH AGAIN CONFINED IN ST. LOUIS JAIL; DESCRIBES FLIGHT AFTER MAKING HIS ESCAPE



Tells of His Ride to Baden on Bicycle and Then Across River on Skiff.

GREETS COLLINS BRIEFLY.

Large Crowd Gathers at Station to See Union Bank Robber, Who Broke Jail One Week Before Trial on Charge of Killing Detective.

Bill Rudolph, accused of the murder of Pinkerton detective, was returned to the St. Louis jail at 6:20 p. m. yesterday after an absence of six months and eighteer days. He escaped on July 6, and since then more than \$100,000 has been spent in finding him.

Rudelph was tired when he reached St. Louis, but did not seem dejected nor despondent. His demeanor, conversation and expression gave the impression that he was disgusted with himself in being back in the jall from which he had es caped.

He declined to discuss all his move ments since leaving St. Louis, and smiled when talking of the various theories advanced by newspapers immediately after his escape.

He gave the first authentic account of his escape from the jail and the city. Ac-cording to Rudolph's statement, he had no knowledge of any concerted movement to distract the attention of the guard

while he climbed to the skylight.

He said that on the third day of his confinement in the jall he "spotted" the skylight and from that time waited for an opportunity to make an attempt to

ESCAPED ON BICYLE AFTER LEAVING JAIL.

When he jumped from the jail roof his foot caught on a wire and he fell heavily on one foot and his side. His knee wa wrenched and he became very sick from wrenched and he became very sick from his shaking up, but he rain as fast as he could, intending to get a few blocks from the jail and hide.

When he had gone a block and a half he saw a bicycle leaning against a building. This furnished a means of escape, and, abandoning the idea of concealing himself he mounted the wheel and was soon pedaling northward.

The railroad variety the south could

soon pedaling northward.

The railroad yards to the south could not be crossed, he could not go back on Twelfth street and pass the Central Police Station and jail, so it was partly through necessity that he adopted the daring plan of riding directly through the heart of the city.

He met with no interference and rode the bicycle to Baden. There his good fortune continued, as he found a skiff with oars near. Before nightfall he was in Illinois.

MET ROGERS EIGHT HOURS BEFORE ROBBERY.

He would not tell of his travels afte that, until his capture in Kansas charged that, until his capture in Kansas charged with blowing the safe in the M., K. & T. Italiway office at Louisburg, Kas.

He said that he met Rogers, who was accused of having been accessory to this crime, only eight hours before the attempted burglary. He would not explain by what method he learned that their callings were the same, nor how they became associated in such a dangerous venture on so short an acquaintance.

Rudolph said that the reports that Colins had given the detectives the tip which led to his identification was without foundation, as Collins did not know where he was.

When Rudolph was taken into Jaller Dawson's office immediately after reaching the jall preparations were made to take the Bertillon measurements. Rudolph anpealed to Assistant Chief of Detectives Keeley to have this ordeal postponed until this nations.

REMOVED GOLD PHLINGS WITH POCKETKNIFE.

"I am tired, and I tell you that is work,

You know how it was last time," said Rudolph.
It was then that Rudolph admitted his identity. Keely asked him what his name

"Oh, I guess it's Rudolph," he said.

was now.

"Oh, I guess it's Rudolph," he said, smiling.

When Rudolph was in jail here before he had several prominent gold-crowned teeth and several bridges. They have been removed He said that he took them out himself with a pocketknife the night after he escaped.

Prosecuting Attorney Myersieck was asked if the law requiring that the measurements be taken as soon as the prisoner was brought into the jail must be rigidly interpreted, and he reblied that measurements taken this morning would answer as well.

An immense throng, anxious to see the prisoner, had crowded the Union Station when the train arrived. Six policemen in uniform, and probably twenty detectives and other plain clothes men were waiting to conduct him to the jail.

So dense was the crowd in the Midway that it was with great difficulty that the top of the steps leading to the Eighteenth street entrance was reached. The crowd was massed about the waiting patrol wag-ce, into which the prisoner was hurried. The crowd fell back and the wagon was driven swiftly down Eighteenth street to Ciark avenue, thence to the Four Courts. RIDOLPH SHACKLED

RIDOLPH SHACKLED TO TWO GUARDS.

One of Rudolph's hands was shackled to Jailer Dawson, the other to Sheriff Bruch. They, with B. L. Crowe, a Pinkerton detective, formed his escort from Kansas City.

It appeared yesterday morning at Kan-sas City that further difficulties would be presented to the Missouri officers in secur-ing Rudolph. It was feared that an at-tempt to gain possession of him would be As he appeared immediately after alighting from the Missouri Pacific train at the Union Station. Rudolph's right hand is shackled to Jailer Dawson's left. Another pair of handcuffs joined Sheriff Bruch's right hand to Rudolph's left.

PHDOLPHS

in the Kansas trial. To avoid this, which probably would be BRIEF GREETING ALLOWED have occasioned several days' delay.

made by his attorney, who defended him in the Kansas trial.

To avoid this, which probably would have occasioned several days' delay, a special electric car was taken to Lansing early yesterday morning. The prisoner was taken to the Penitentiary gates and released.

Sheriff Meyers of Leavenworth County, Kansas, immediately arrested him and turned him over to Sheriff Eruch. He was handcuffed and hurried aboard the car, which made a quek trip to Kansas (lity, and beyond the reach of a Kansas habeas corpus.

The party boarded a Missouri Pacific train at 10:10 a. m. and reached St. Louis at 5:05 y. m.

In less than twelve hours, Rudolph had been a convict in a Penitentiary, a free ran and a prisoner in another State, charged with murder, and had traveled 300 miles.

Prosecuting Attorney Myersleck of Franklin County said that as court was rot now in session in Franklin County, it vas probable that Rudolph's trial would rot be held before the middle of March.

FIGHT AMONG SPANISH AND AMERICAN SAILORS.

Clash Occurs in Streets of St. Thoma and Severa! Members of Columbla's Crew Are Wounded.

St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, Feb. 24. -A fight occurred here vesterday after on between the sailors from a Spanish and an American warship, which resulted in the wounding of several men.

The fight originated when a seaman from the United States cruiser Columbia jostled a sallor from the Spanish cruiser jostled a sailor from the Spanish cruiser. Rio de la Plata as he passed him in the street. The Spanish sailor drew a stiletto and seriously wounded the American.
Other men from the Columbia attacked the two Spaniards, who defended themselves with their knives and succeeded in slightly wounding several other Americans. They finally escaped, ran to the wharf and jumped into the water. They were picked up by a harbor boat and taken on board their warship.

"PANAMAN" IS THE WORD. People of New Republic Decide What They Will Be Called.

EPUBLIC SPECIAL .

Washington, Feb. 24.-A message from he President was sent to the Senate today, transmitting information regarding the adoption of a constitution by the peo-

ple of Panama. The correspondence includes not only opy of the Constitution adopted by the Constitutional Convention of Panama, but the proceedings of the convention itself. Secretary Hay, in his letter of trans mittal, says the present state of Government in the Isthmian Republic is republican in form and the convention expressly ratified all the acts of the provisional Govrnment since November 23, the date of

the revolution. The Constitution settled the question of what the people of that Republic are to be called by specifying that they are "Pan amans. In one section it refers to the ight of "Panaman women" to hold prop erty.

TO LECTURE ON ELECTRICITY.

hief of Department Will Address Audience at Lindell Avenue Church An illustrated World's Fair lecture will e delivered at the Lindell Avenue Methodist Church by W. E. Goldsborough, Chief of the Division of Electricity, to-

night at 8 o'clock. night at 8 o'clock.

Electricity as a factor in international expositions will be the general topic of the address and the development of electrical appliances of all kinds as they have been explicited at expositions with the development of incandescent lighting for decorative purposes will be fully treated by Mr. Goldsborough.

Baby Found on Doorstep. Fred Hoffman of No. 3233 Hawthorne boulevard, on returning to his home last night, found a baby boy three days old in a basket on his front steps. The baby was taken to the Bethesda Home. No marks of identification were found.

Sues Policeman for Arrest. Henry Coleman filed suit in the Circuit Court yesterday against Patrolman Jere-miah O'Connor for \$1.600 damages, alleg-ing that the policeman arrested him Feb-ruary 8 last and that he was discharged.

JUDGE KINEALY SUSTAINED. Sentence Against Crommer for Contempt Stands.

Sheriff Dickmann was notified vesterday by his attorneys, Johnson, Houts, Marlatt & Hawes, that the Supreme Court had de nied the writ of habeas corpus applied for n the interest of William Crommer of Beligrave, Mo., and his son, William, of Irondale, Mo., who were fined \$50 each and sentenced to ten days in jail by Circuit Judge Kinealy for contempt of court They disobeyed an injunction, restraining them from proceeding with the collection of notes given by the South Missour

Acting on advice of counsel, the Crom Acting on advice of counses, the Crommers sued on the notes, and last August the lumber company had them cited for contempt of court.

By agreement the punishment for contempt was withheld until the matter could be presented to the Supreme Court.

WOMAN'S PURSE SNATCHED. Mrs. Josephine Moehring Robbed of \$100 by White Man.

After drawing \$100 from the St. Louis Union Trust Company yesterday after-moon, Mrs. Josephine Mochring of No. 1225A South Tenth street was followed to Fourth and St. Charles streets by a thief who snatched a black writ bag which contained the money from her hand and made his escape.

The money was in one, two, five and ter dollar bills. After snatching the purso the thief, who was a white man, with the appearance of a tramp, ran west on St. Charles street to Broadway, where he was lost sight of in the crowd.

Mrs. Moehrings describes the man as be-ing about 6 feet tall, weighing 160 pounds, smooth faced and wearing a gray suit and black slouch hat. She will be able to identify him if he is arrested.

DIED AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

William Kemper, Member of De partment Thirty-Nine Years.

William Kemper one of the oldest firemen in the city, died at his home. No. 4403 North Twentieth street, at 7:30 o'clock last night. The end came after an illness of about four months, during which he suffered from a complication of diseases superinduced by age. Mr. Kemper was 6 years old.

His life in the St. Louis department is said to have been spent with Engine Company No. 8, corner of Blair avenue and Salisbury street. He was a member of the Fire Department for thirty-nine years. He leaves a wife, Anna Kemper.

Big Judgment for Child.

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Judgment for \$10.000 was given in Judge Douglas's division of the Circuit Court yesterday against the St. Louis Transit Company for injuries sustained by Ida Fadem 5-year-old daughter of Louis Fadem of No. 1014 North Vandeventer avenue. In crossing Vandeventer avenue at Windsor place June 6 last, she was struck by a northbound Vandeventer car and severely injured. Suit was brought for \$25,000.

Fell From World's Fair Building. Thomas Wilson, 42 years old, a rigger employed on the Mechanics' building at the World's Fair grounds, fell from a girder to the ground yesterday morning sustaining concussion of the brain. He fell about forty feet. He was taken to the Mullanphy Hospital. Wilson resides at No. 718 North Sixth street.

JURORS SELECTED TO TRY BARRINGTON

Taking of Testimony Will Begin This Morning in the Circuit Court at Clayton.

MANY WITNESSES SUMMONED.

Process Issued for Oscar Wells Who Is Alleged to Have Written Threatening Letters to McCann.

The taking of evidence in the Barrington murder case will begin promptly this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Circuit Court

The twelve jurors to try the case were elected yesterday from the original venire of forty by the opposing attorneys, and their names will be announced in court this morning. The list was turned over to Barrington

esterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, as the

defendant had taken copious notes during the examination Tuesday and wanted to inspect it personally. The issuance of subpoenas for Oscar Wells and Theodore Ramsay caused con derable speculation on both sides yes terday as to the character of the evidence

they are expected to give. Wells was sub

oenaed by the State and Ramsay by the The defendant's attorneys were particplarly interested as to the identity of Wells. They have letters in their posses sion, signed by Oscar Wells, and mailed McCann, whom Barrington is alleged to have murdered. The letters were furnished them by their client and were threatening in tone. The writer demanded money. It is not known whether the Wells who has been subpoemaed and the Wells who wrote the letters are one and the same person.

person.

Ramsay is a negro youth who was formerly employed at the Leland Hotel where the defendant was entertained by the McCanns prior to his arrest on June 27, 1803. Attorney Jones, of counsel for the defense, claims that he never had a cent, although he is at present a student at the Lincoln Institute in Jefferson City.

Ramsay will be asked where he got the money to pay for his schooling, in the effort to prove that, if there was a plot, Barrington was not the most guilty party

thereto.

Another witness subpoensed by the defense is Miss Clara Hartman, who was employed as a stenographer by Mrs. McCann in the conduct of a matrimonial bureau in the Temple building. It is thought that her testimony will be used to destroy the effect of Mrs. McCann's. It is upon Mrs. McCann that the State principally relies to prove that the dead body found in the Bonfil quarry was that of James P. McCann.

McCann.

All together 111 witnesses have been subpoensed, fifty-seven by the State and fifty-four by the defense. It is thought that the trial will not be finished before next Wednesday.

The two negroes who qualified as jurors in Tuesday's examination have both been stricken from the list. One of them, a preacher named Wright, was retained by the defense, but was objected to by the State.

OBJECTS TO DUTY AS POLICE CHIEF.

Stated That Colonel Godwin's Request Is Matter That Concerns War Department.

Desire for more active service than is afforded in managing the Jefferson Guard and a distaste for police duty are reason; offered at the World's Fair grounds to ex plain the request for transfer of Colonel Edward A. Godwin, which, it is said, has been forwarded to Washington.

Officials of the Exposition and the attaches of the Jefferson Guard maintained a strict reticence yesterday about the mata strict reticence yesterday associater, and would neither affirm nor deny it.

An official explains the lack of confirmation or denial of the rumor on the ground to matter that concerns the War tion or denial of the rumor on the ground that it is a matter that concerns the War Department, and that out of courtesy nothing could be given out in such a case until an official communication from the department has been received.

AUSTRIAN DELEGATION COMING.

Members of Manufacturers' Associa tion Will Visit Fair in September. Bellamy Storer, United States Ambassa dor at Vienna, notified President Francis by mail yesterday that a delegation representing the Manufacturers' Associatio of Lower Austria will visit the United States and will spend a week at the Ex-

position this year.

The association is the oldest and most important industrial and technologica important industrial and technological corporation of Austrin. Its itinerary includes New York City, Philadelphia, Washington. Pittsburg, St. Louis, Cnicago. Milwaukee, Niagara, Toronto, Montreal and Boston. Two forenoons at St. Louis will be devoted to seeing the city. The time chosen for the St. Louis visit is the second week of September.

Thirty to sixty prominent manufacturers and their wives will comprise the delegation.

Mrs. Manning Expected To-Day. Mrs. Daniel Manning, President of the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair, did not arrive in St. Louis yester day, as was expected. At the Washing ton Hotel, where apartments have been engaged, it was stated late last night that Mrs. Manning would arrive this morning. Mrs. Manning will be accompanied by Mrs. Mary Phelps Montgomery, member of the board from Portland. Ore.

Addresses National Association. Howard J. Rogers, Chief of the Division of Education at the World's Fair, returned from a meeting of the National Educatrom a meeting of the National Educa-tional Association at Atlanta yesterday. Mr. Rogers delivered an address on the work of his division and outlined its sa-lient features. W. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, spoke on the Government exhibit and the city exhibits were presented by Superintendent Soldan of St. Louis.

Foundrymen to Visit St. Louis. Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 24.-Announce nent was made to-day that the national tion will meet here June 7 for three days and will then visit St. Louis. Four hun-dred foundry owners are expected. World's Fair Notes.

"Excellent wine and some very fine lace" will comprise the Maltese exhibit, according to advices from Henry L. Clapp of Malta to friends in St. Louis. friends in St. Louis.

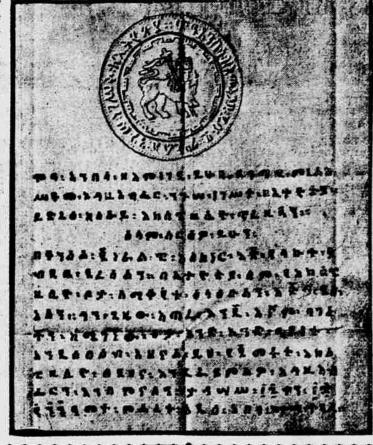
—Word has been received that \$2,000 has been raised by popular subscription in Macon, Ga. to aid in crecting the Georgia State building The State World's Fair Commission is credited with raising this fund, which is now assuming large proportions, it is said.

ing large proportions, it is said.

—The World's Fair Automobile Commany received yesterday ion new twenty-passenger automobiles from Boaton for the commany's Exposition service. They will be used for carrying passengers from residences or hotels to the Exposition grounds and return, the trib include a ride through the grounds. On the side of the vehicles is inscribed "The Only Way Through Gates and Grounds." the company having purchased the right to use the convigined "Only Way" from the Chicago and Alton Railway Company.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refurd money if it fails to cure. B. W. Grove's signature is on each box 250

KING MENELIK ACCEPTS INVITATION.



COPY OF LETTER FROM KING MENELIK TO PRESIDENT FRANCIS.

Ruler of Abyssinia Sends Greeting to President Francis and Will Forward Exhibit in Charge of Special Representatives.

Abyssinia, a country so far removed from ordinary routes of travel that it takes a month to reach it from the seacoast, will have an exhibit at the World's Fair, as was announced in a personal let-ter received yesterday by President Franels from King Menelik II, wishing the Exposition "God speed," and accepting the invitation to exhibit at the Fair.

The letter of the King, who styles himself King of Kings of Ethiopia, was accompanied by a translation by Robert P. Skinner, Commissioner to Abyssinia, as it is written in the Amharic language. There s no signature at the end of the letter, but the seal of the King is placed at the beginning. The seal bears the imprint of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, surrounded by Amharic characters.

Owing to a difference in the system of dates, the letter was written, according to the Abyssinian calendar, on December 17, 1898, which corresponds to December 27, 1993, of the revised calendar. Fifty-eight days were required by the letter in transit.

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transit.

Commissioner Skinner wrote at length of
his reception by King Menelik, the following extract giving an idea of the state
maintained by the King of a people who
in Homer's time were known as the
"blameless Ethiopians, at whose tables
the gods themselves sit down":

"I was escorted to the palace by a brigade of 3.000 mounted troops, arrayed in
flowing robes of silk and satin, and with
mantles of ilon and leopard skins, carrying shields of burnished gold and silver,
and I entered the palace to find the Emperor seated upon his throne in a vast
cathedral-like hall, waiting in impressive
silence, with 1.500 of the principal personages of the capital, back of the tifrone
and liming the sides."

Of the Abyssinian exhibit Commissioner
Skinner writes: "I am told that the exhibit will consist mainly of natural products, ivery, models of clothing, and robes
and religious insignia from Abyssinian
churches."

"Reasons of state compelled the Em-

churches."
"Reasons of state compelled the Emperor to decline your invitation to visit St. Louis in person. The commission, yet to be officially constituted, will be of a distinguished character, and deserving of your most cordial hospitality."

TO EXHIBIT GRASSHOPPERS.

Large Collection Is Destined for Agricultural Building at Fair. The largest collection of grasshoppers in the United States, if not in the world, will form part of the Nebraska exhibit at the World's Fair, the installation of which will soon be commenced, according o Secretary H. G. Shedd of the State Commission, which visited the Adminis-

tration building yesterday.

This collection contains many thousand This collection contains many thousand specimens and is the property of Professor Lawrence Brunner, head of the entomology department of Nebraska State University. He is an authority upon the grasshopper, and has collected for the Smithsonian Institution in many tropical

countries.

Three buildings will take the bulk of the Nebraska exhibit, which will go to the Horticultural, Agricultural and Educational departments. Three car loads of the exhibit have already been shipped, and others soon will follow.

BRITISH OCCUPY PAVILION. Move to National Building, Where

Clerks Will Be Employed. The British Commission will remove to day to their National Pavillon near Skinker road and there all the clerical and drafting work in connection with the exhibits will be done.

hibits will be done.

E. H. Lloyd, former assistant manager of the Glasgow Exposition, and J. H. Cundall, former manager of the Wolverhampton Exposition, have been added to the staff of architects. They will design the facades for the exhibit booths, which will be built by the contractors of the payvilion, George Trollope & Sons of London.

A large shipment of exhibits left New York yesterday billed to the British Commission. A number of packages of exhibits for the Transportation building have already arrived. Among them are many beautifully finished models of ocean steam-ships.

DINERS APPROVE PLANKED FISH American Delicacy Served at Second "Diner Francais" Pleased Palates.

The second "Diner Francais" was given at the Lorraine Hotel. Boyle and Lindell avenues, Tuesday night, when menu, prepared under the direction of E L. Masqueray, Chief of Design at the World's Fair, was served. Planked white fish was one of the American dishes on the bill of fare, which was highly commended by the French diners.

Jules Boeufve, acting Commissioner General of France, was toastmaster and thanked the old French residents of St. Louis for their attendance at the dinner, to which Plerre Choteau responded.

Among those present were: Jules Boeufve, E. L. Masqueray, Pierre Chouteau, Ernest Peugnet, Francis Kuhn, Marcel Estleu, T. Papin, Jr., Captain A. C. Baker, Professor Louis Breuque, John O'F. Delancy, Andre Vincent, F. Hamilton, Gaston Horlaville, L. Bonet, Gaston Douay, H. Brussel, Leon Hermant, L. J. Millet, Maurice Lamour and Georges Lamouret.

A vaudeville performance will be given in connection with the next dinner, at which members of the French Commission will be present. L. Masqueray, Chief of Design at the

FRENCH ART WORKS ARRIVE.

Shipment Forwarded From New York by Special Train to Fair. Word was received yesterday by Assist-nt French Commissioner Boeufve that the fine arts exhibit of France for the

TRANSLATION OF LETTER. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah has conquered: Menelik II, by the grace of God King of Kings of
 Ethiopia, to the President of the

· Exposition of St. Louis, greeting: I have received the letter that a you have sent me through Consul d General Skinner. I am very happy . to hear of your good thought in ra-· serving for me in your Exposition a · space for my country. I have, in o consequence, and in spite of the short time which remains to us, · given orders to collect specimens of the products of my country.

I pray to God that he will aid . you in leading to a good end the great work that you have under-Written the seventeenth day of

December, year of grace eighteen

hundred and ninety-six, at Addis

 hundred and ninety-six, at Addis
 Ababa, (Corresponding to December 27, 1903.) H........ World's Fair had left New York on an express train, which received the shipment from the steamship Bordeaux.

The exhibit left Havre January 31, and comprises 230 cases, weighing nearly 320,000 pounds. It will be transferred immediately on arrival to the Fine Arts Palace and the pictures prepared for hanging in the sections assigned.

WILL EXHIBIT AT WORLD'S FAIR Artist Bridgman Will Send Four of His Pictures to St. Louis.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Feb. 24.-After an absence of five years in Europe, Mr. F. A. Bridgman, a well-known American artist, returned to-day on the steamship Moltke.

Mr. Bridgman announced his intention to pass more of his time in this country than he has been went to do and chatted

than he has been went to do and chatted interestingly about his pictures and plans. He said:

"I shall have four works at the St. Louis Exposition, one being 'Ors Dramatis,' a large decorative panel which is now at the National Academy of Design. Besides this, there will be 'Mary Magdalen,' from last year's saion; 'Procession in Honor of Isis' and 'Halt in the Oasis,'

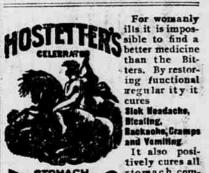
"American artists abroad are doing good work,' said Mr. Bridgman, in answer to a question. "They are being well treated, and since the new building, the Grand Palais, has been completed there is

plenty of room, and nobody can complain longer with the injustice of being crowded

Boy Run Over by Wagon. Hey Run Over by Wagon.

While crossing the street at Fffteenth street and Case avenue yesterday afternoon James Turner, 7 years old, residing with his parents at No. 181 Case avenue, was knocked down and run over by a wagon, sustaining a fracture of the left leg. The wagon was driven by James Berrey of No. 1903 Coleman street. He was not arrested, as the parents of the child refused to prosecute.

Inventory of E. Heits's Estate. An inventory of the estate of Emil Heitz, filed in probate yesterday, describes per-sonal property to the amount of \$39.92.8L



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